

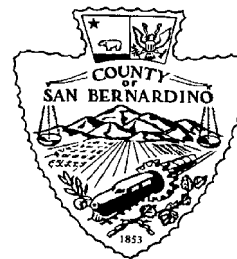
# Department of Veterans Affairs

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## Disability Pension & Death Pension

### Disability Pension Benefits

Disability Pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans with limited income who are no longer able to work.

#### You may be eligible if:

- ➔ you were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, **AND**
- ➔ you served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time. Anyone who enlists after 9/7/80 generally has to serve at least 24 months or the full period for which a person was called or ordered to active duty in order to receive any benefits based on that period of service. Those veterans that were in on or after 8/2/1990 served during a period of war time. When they do, they generally now must serve 24 months to be eligible for pension or any other benefit. **AND**
- ➔ you have disabilities that keep you from working a regular, full-time job, **AND**
- ➔ your countable family income is below a yearly limit set by law

#### FAMILY INCOME LIMITS ( EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2003 )

<i>If you are a...</i>	<i>Your yearly income must be less than...</i>
<b>Veteran with no dependents</b>	<b>\$ 9,894</b>
<b>Veteran with a spouse or a child</b>	<b>\$12,959</b>
<b>(Veterans with additional children: add \$1,688 to the limit for EACH child)</b>	
<b>Housebound veteran with no dependents</b>	<b>\$12,092</b>
<b>Housebound veteran with one dependent</b>	<b>\$15,156</b>
<b>Veteran who needs aid and attendance and you have no dependents</b>	<b>\$16,509</b>
<b>Veteran who needs aid and attendance and you have one dependent</b>	<b>\$19,570</b>

**Note:** Some income is not counted toward the yearly limit (for example, welfare benefits, some wages earned by dependent children, and Supplemental Security Income)

#### How Much Does VA Pay ?

VA pays you the difference between your countable family income and the yearly income limit, which describes your situation (see chart above). This difference is generally paid in 12 equal monthly payments rounded down to the nearest dollar.

➔ **You may also be eligible for House Bound or Aid and Attendance. See bottom of the next page.**

**How Do I Get Help Or More Information? See the bottom of the next page.**

## Death Pension Benefits

Death Pension is a benefit paid to eligible dependents of deceased wartime veterans.

*You may be eligible if:*

- ➔ the deceased veteran was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, **AND**
- ➔ he or she served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time. Anyone who enlists after 9/7/80 generally has to serve at least 24 months or the full period for which a person was called or ordered to active duty in order to receive any benefits based on that period of service. Those veterans that were in on or after 8/2/1990 served during a period of war time. When they do, they generally now must serve 24 months to be eligible for pension or any other benefit. **AND**
- ➔ you are the surviving spouse or unmarried child of the deceased veteran, **AND**
- ➔ your countable income is below a yearly limit set by law

INCOME LIMITS ( EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2003 )	
<i>If you are a...</i>	<i>Your yearly income must be less than...</i>
Surviving spouse with no dependent children	\$ 6,634
Surviving spouse with one dependent child	\$ 8,686
(Add \$1,630 to the limit for EACH additional child)	
Housebound surviving spouse with no dependents	\$ 8,109
Housebound surviving spouse with one dependent	\$ 10,157
Surviving spouse who needs aid and attendance with no dependents	\$10,606
Surviving spouse who needs aid and attendance with one dependent	\$12,654
Surviving child (no eligible parent)	\$1,688
<i>Note: Some income is not counted toward the yearly limit (for example, welfare benefits, some wages earned by dependent children, and Supplemental Security Income)</i>	

### How Much Does VA Pay ?

VA pays you the difference between your countable income and the yearly income limit which describes your situation (see chart above). This difference is generally paid in 12 equal monthly payments rounded down to the nearest dollar.

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### Housebound or Aid & Attendance Allowance

An additional benefit paid to veterans, surviving spouses. This allowance is paid in all Pension Programs. It is paid based on the need of aid and attendance by another person or by specific disability.

**If a veteran or widow(er) is in long-term care (nursing home) they may be eligible for a special Aid & Attendance rate. They must be single and on Medi-Cal to qualify. If eligible, they will get \$90 per month, which is exempt from the Medi-Cal Share of Cost. Medi-Cal usually takes all of their income except \$35; the VA will pay the \$90, which gives them \$125 per month.**

### How Do I Get Help Or More Information?

Veterans Service Representatives are available to discuss this or any veterans' issue with you. Veterans Service Representatives are available to discuss claims or any veterans' issues with you. Call your closest office for the nearest location to you:

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Victorville: (760) 843-2790 San Bernardino: (909) 387-5516 Chino: (909) 465-5241

Part time offices in: Barstow, Yucca Valley and 29 Palms.

